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ALMA

"Better a Day"

In mid-April "Better a Day" went on sale in bookstores throughout the nation. Published by Macmillan, the book contains biographical sketches of 15 outstanding Jesuit Coadjutor Brothers. Mr. John Leary (Ore.), editor, directed the Theologian-authors.

Contributors were: (Cal.) Frs. C. Albertson, T. Flynn, and Messrs. Warren, E. Zimmers; (Ore.) Fr. Diemert and Messrs. F. Costello, Kaufmann, Leary, McCluskey, McHugh, Murphy, Patterson, Schoenberg, Wollesen; (New Or.) Mr. Jules Prats.

Already written are almost all the manuscript chapters for a second volume of biographies, concerning Jesuit priests who contributed significantly to the cultural and religious development of the United States.

Speakers

Fr. Hartnett, editor-in-chief of "America," told the community at a special talk on April 13 that not a few serious Protestant churchmen and educators are now siding with Catholics in a demand for religious instruction in public schools. But among these leaders there exists a real and widespread fear of Catholic power. This fear can be broken down, Fr. Hartnett declared, if more Catholics enter and work disinterestedly in public life and organizations. He also explained the stand taken by "America" on the MacArthur ouster, citing the reasons that appeared in the April 21 issue.

On Mar. 26, Fr. Carr, lieutenant commander, USNR, and chaplain of the cruiser Rochester, gave an eye-witness account of the invasion of Wonsan and the evacu-

ations of Inchon and Hungnam. He also described his duties during six months of action in Korean waters. Among these were 3-4 hours of catechizing daily. "A priest never speaks," Fr. Carr asserted, "but in some soul is planted a seed, which like the mustard seed will in time grow into a mighty tree of faith."

Paul Lawrence, Catholic layman and ex-GI from San Anselmo, gave on April 1 a showing of "The Peace Plan from Heaven," an amateur film he has produced in technicolor. Telling the story of Fatima, it uses Marin County settings and cast. Worked into the film are newsreel scenes of the Fatima basilica, and of the journey through America of the Fatima Pilgrim Statue. Forty copies of the film are in circulation.

Discussions

On April 17 Dr. Charles C. Mohun, prominent Catholic obstetrician from San Francisco, drew on 22 years of experience with more than 10,000 successful deliveries as he discussed medicomoral problems connected with his work.

Dr. Mohun's lecture was the last of this year's very worthwhile series. Head of the Alma Speakers' Bureau is Mr. Herold.

Fr. Arthur Falvey was the fourth speaker of the year for the Academy on Teaching High School Religion, which met on April 7. The objective of his classes, Father said, is to give skill in working with the main principles, the inspiring literature of the field, elementary research, and problems that involve independent thought.

Fr. Wm. Huesman, reporting informally on the JEA meeting

in Cleveland, said that outstanding talks were given by Fr. Clifford LeMay, spiritual father at John Carroll University, and Fr. Wm. Dunne of USF. Fr. LeMay revealed that 70% of the diocesan clergy had spent at least two years at John Carroll, and that 40,000 Communions were distributed during the last school year. Fr. Dunne spoke on "Treatment of the Lay Faculty."

Solemn Masses

Monday, April 23, the community assisted at a Solemn Anniversary Mass of Requiem for Miss Isabel de Saisset, a great benefactress of the Province. Fr. Rector (H. Werts) was celebrant, Fr. J.F.X. Connolly deacon, and Fr. Francis Dunn subdeacon.

April 11, at the Solemn High Mass for the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Patron of Alma College, the celebrant was Fr. Wm. Huesman, with Fr. Dunn as deacon and Fr. T. Flynn, subdeacon.

At Santa Clara on the same morning, Fr. Rector acted as Chaplain to Archbishop Mitty and Fr. O'Connor was deacon at the Centennial Mass celebrated coram metropolitano by Bishop Armstrong of Sacramento. The

ex-Santa Clara Theologians attended the Mass, and a number of Theologians witnessed the Passion Play performance in the afternoon.

Fr. John Curran sang a Requiem Mass for his mother in St. Ignatius Church on Mar. 25. Members of the community were present at this Mass, as well as at the funeral Mass offered on April 3 by Fr. Vachon for his father, who was buried in Los Angeles.

Very Rev. Fr. Provincial (J. O'Brien) opened his annual visitation on Mar. 28 and finished on April 4, at which time Very Rev. Fr. Small began hearing the colloquies of the Oregonians.

Varia

The Spring Triduum was given by Fr. Cornelius O'Mara. Mr. Michael Collins (Ore.) is the new librarian, succeeding Fr. Smyth. The interior of "Fruitbowl" villa cabin was completely repainted by Mr. Perri (Ore.) and crew. Mr. Everett Mibach, who will be ordained with this year's class, took up residence here on April 22. Fr. Joseph McDonnell of Gonzaga U. will give the Ordination Retreat.

AZUSA

Five retreats were given during the month of March, with Fr. Whelan conducting one, Fr. Odou two, and Fr. Vaughan two. The groups continue to average around 25, which is just about a convenient capacity.

Fr. Whelan also gave an eight-day retreat to the Mercy Sisters in San Diego, Mar. 8-17. During Holy Week he assisted at Anaheim, and likewise gave the Tre Ore at St. John's at Hyde Park in Los Angeles. Fr. Donovan assisted at Covina, Fr. Vaughan at the parish in Azusa.

Days of recollection were given as follows: Fr. Donovan to Ladies of Parish in Pomona; Fr. Whelan to women at Alhambra Retreat House, and to a similar group at

the Helpers of the Holy Souls in Los Angeles.

The Fathers also give monthly conferences in various convents from San Bernardino to Hollywood.

Fr. James Donohue from Santa Barbara was our guest for a few days when he came to assist at the death and conduct the funeral of his mother. Bros. Deeney and Gonzales, Novices from Los Gatos, arrived on Mar. 12 for their month's experiment, to replace Bros. Stolz and Clarke who returned to the Novitiate on the 15th.

Beginning Mar. 11, the Sunday Visitor has been running a series of eight articles by Fr. Vaughan on "Tyrants and the Papacy."

BELLARMINE

Catalog

Father Rector (T. Cosgrave) edited a new catalog replete with excellent pictures, a history of the school's first hundred years, and programs of studies and activities.

Fr. Pettid's English students, competing with ten high schools in Santa Clara County, won first, second and third places in an essay contest sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The Bellarmine Debaters acted as guides, timekeepers and scorekeepers at the High School Speech Tournament held on April 7 at the University of Santa Clara.

Father Minister (D. Walsh) and Fr. Schneider appeared before the City Council with a committee of neighborhood residents to petition for more traffic lights on the Alameda.

Sodality

A successful Sodality Convention for St. Ignatius and Bellarmine was held here on April 15, under the sponsorship of the Province Secretary, Fr. Howard. From St. Ignatius came Fr. R. O'Rourke, four Scholastics and twenty students. Representing Bellarmine were Fr. G. Flynn, Messrs. Fitch, Enright, Herzberg, Costa, Brewer, O'Hara, and thirty students.

Fr. Fennell gave the April 16-19 retreat at El Retiro to the seniors of Riordan High School. His highly successful retreats for two years to the Bellarmine seniors prompted Fr. Rice to recommend him to the Brothers at Riordan High, who had been his grammar school teachers in S.F.

Fr. Doherty, moderator of dramatics, announced that the Spring play in May would be Emmet Lavery's "First Legion."

Parents

The Dads and Mothers held a most successful dinner dance in our gymnasium, April 7. The affair was directed by Fr. Cosgrave. The highlight of the annual Dads and Sons Day, May 2, will be a game between the seniors and next year's varsity football team.

The Mothers' Guild staged a wonderful telephone bridge tournament on April 19. Parties were held at 23 homes in peninsula cities from S.F. to Gilroy. High scores were phoned in at the end of the party and the winners were announced immediately. Proceeds are to provide a scholarship fund for deserving students. About 1200 ladies participated.

Sports

Fr. Plushkell, director of athletics, standardized the blocks for the different teams. He posted in his office a complete list of all the old and new equipment, with the numbers listed for every piece in use. It would cost today, because of present high prices, over \$14,000 to replace the materials now being used by the various teams. Over 500 boys engaged in competitive athletics this year.

Mr. Phipps' tennis team has gone undefeated in matches with five schools. The golf team, directed by Mr. E. T. Burke, has defeated six schools. Under the moderatorship of Mr. Lester, the swimming team, thanks to the kindness of the University of Santa Clara in loaning coaches and its pool, has won six meets.

Mr. Wright's track team won its first meet against St. Joseph's in Alameda. The lightweight baseball teams of Messrs. Herzberg and O'Hara have won six games. The varsity baseball team has won eight games. Fr. Doherty has started a night softball league for the boarders.

CHINA

A few statistics on the Yangchow District will serve to give some idea of what is involved in the appointment on Mar. 19 of Monsignor Eugene Fahy as

Apostolic Perfect of that region: size, about 125 miles by 35; estimated population, 4,000,000; Catholics, 3000; priests, 9; brothers, 1; sisters, 6. In his administration,

Monsignor Fahy is subject only to the Holy See, but his activity is hampered due to the fact that as yet he has been unable to leave the city of Yangchow.

One result of current conditions in China is an increasing interest in things Catholic, and an in-

creasing attendance of Catholics at daily Mass and the Sacraments. During a mission at Christ the King, it was necessary to set up amplifiers in the adjoining auditorium to accommodate the crowds.

LOS GATOS

Fr. James Lyons of USF gave a lecture on art, Sunday, April 1, treating particularly of the painting of the Flemish primitives.

On the Solemnity of St. Joseph, April 11, Fr. Minister (Charvet) celebrated the community Mass at the Lourdes Shrine. In the afternoon the Juniors journeyed to the University of Santa Clara to attend a guest performance of the Passion Play, "Nazareth."

The Provincials of the Assistancy, who had gathered at Santa Clara for their annual meeting,

were the guests of the house at a dinner held on April 14 at Villa Joseph.

Bro. Francis Uyeda sailed on the morning of the 15th to return to work among his people in Japan. The day following, Bro. Lee Williams, Coadjutor, pronounced his first vows. Bro. Upton underwent a knee operation at O'Connor Hospital. Bro. Schenk has been placed in charge of the kitchen. He will not do any of the cooking, but will supervise and do the buying.

LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Fiesta

Community interest in the Fiesta, to be held on May 20, has reached a high pitch. The faculty is revising mailing lists for the graduates, totaling close to 3000 names. Mr. Al Proctor, who served for many years as a teacher here at Loyola, has again become executive secretary of the Fiesta. The main attraction of the raffle is a 1951 Pontiac which has been donated. There are other major prizes too—one especially: 75 steaks! The goal of the Fiesta is to lighten the burden of additional taxes and to provide a fund for improvements around the schools.

Early in April the Henry Welch Guild celebrated its twentieth birthday. The affair brought a record-breaking crowd. Among the beautifully decorated tables was one set aside for the Jesuit Mothers.

Competition

The entrance examinations will take place on May 5. We have met with competition from two large local high schools which have decided to use the same day for their exams. However, the re-

turns thus far indicate that the number taking our examinations will be greater than last year.

The high school debaters at the end of March received their charter for the National Forensic League. Two weeks later, five members entered the Tournament. One student took third place in debating and one took sixth in the finals of original oratory.

The school has been appointed as a prime source in the air raid warning system for the Catholic schools in the western part of the City.

Improvements

Fr. Franklin is installing in the school the new public address system purchased with funds from the turkey raffle held at Thanksgiving. Fr. J. Devlin has planted shrubbery along the new wall of the playing field and in the various gardens of the school. The plants were acquired from the Picfair estate. A friend donated new carpeting for the altars recently installed in the chapel. Also, a new confessional for the use of priests has been installed in the alcove leading into the main chapel.

Guests

Fr. Sheridan from Hong Kong, working with UNESCO in Europe, was our guest for a few days. Another guest of ours for the past few months, Fr. Deasy, received his summons to the Marine Corps. Early in April Fr.

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY

At the Spring meeting of the Southwestern Regional Unit of the National Catholic Educational Association held April 8 at Mt. St. Mary's College, Fr. Casassa was chosen as Vice-President of the Association for the coming year. Delegates from Loyola included Fr. President, Fr. John Connolly, Academic Vice-President, Fr. Vincent O'Sullivan, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Fr. D. Finnegan, Head of the Department of Education, Dr. Kramer, Head of the Department of History, and Dr. Sullivan of the English Department.

On April 14-15 Fr. D. Finnegan, Head of the Education Department, and Mr. Michael O'Neill attended a convention of the California Student Teachers Association at Asilomar in Northern California. Mr. O'Neill was official representative of the Loyola C.S.T.A. chapter, of which

Ryder explained to the classes of Church history the features of the Oriental Rite. At the Spring Sports Rally, on the night of April 12, Mr. William Schroeder of the Helms Athletic Foundation was the main speaker.

Fr. Finnegan is the moderator.

Loyola University's Men's Glee Club made a special guest appearance with the Huntington Park Symphony Orchestra at a concert program in Huntington Park on April 10.

Friday evening, April 6, the Faculty Wives Club of Loyola University held their annual benefit card party. Proceeds from the very enjoyable evening, which was attended by faculty, students and friends of the University, will be given to the Library Fund.

Tuesday afternoon, April 17, was Padres Day at the University. Inaugurating what is hoped will become an annual custom at the University, the afternoon was signalized by a special game scrimmage for the parish priests of the Archdiocese at Sullivan Field, followed by dinner in the Sky Room.

SAN FRANCISCO

University

An "Institute on Employment of Members of Minority Groups," sponsored by the Labor-Management School and the S.F. Junior Chamber of Commerce, was held in the Lecture Room of the Library Building. Among the 130 businessmen, labor leaders and educators present were the personnel managers of Bank of America and Pacific Gas and Electric, as well as top officials of AFL and CIO. Fr. Wm. Dunne gave the opening talk. Participants in the Institute were: Adrian Falk, Pres., Calif. State Chamber of Commerce; Charles Roeth, Area Mgr., Dept. of Employment; Howard Carver, Personnel Mgr. of the Emporium; Roger N. Conant, Personnel Mgr. of Pacific Tel. and Tel.; Walter A. Haas Jr., Personnel Mgr. of Levi Strauss Co.; Don Fazacker-

ley, Supervisor, City and County of S.F.; and Fred Breier, Asst. Prof. of Economics at the University. This Institute represented the most advanced step undertaken in San Francisco toward developing a voluntary non-discriminatory employment policy for the Bay Area.

"Operating in a Defense Economy" was the topic for the annual USF Business Conference, the third held in this series. A large crowd from the various retail houses of San Francisco were present to learn of the present price controls.

Fr. Scannell's Sodality held a Mission Week, during which an exhibit was displayed in the Library, movies of the missions were shown, and some of Ours spoke on mission topics in the evenings. A collection for the Propagation of the Faith was

taken up among the students.

The widely acclaimed play, "A Bell for Adano," was presented in the Little Theatre before enthusiastic audiences. It was also put on for the Catholic Theatre Guild, which met at the University.

Fr. John Martin was requested by Fordham University to preside at a doctoral examination in Seattle. The candidate for the degree was unable to go to New York.

Eighteen months of research by University chemists have resulted in a new and relatively cheap method of producing xanthurenic acid, a rare chemical of great value in scientific studies of nutrition. For its cancer research program the Biology Department has acquired an RCA electron microscope, the only model of its type on the Pacific Coast.

A new Winchester 52 heavy barrel rifle, equipped with special sights, was presented to the USF rifle team by the S.F. Rifle Club in appreciation of the good sportsmanship of the University's team, and also for cooperation given by the school. Our excellent rifle range is used by many rifle clubs of the city.

Venegas MS.

Fr. Peter Dunne, together with Dr. Herbert Bolton, is engaged in editing the old and precious manuscript of Fr. Miguel Venegas, Mexican Jesuit, who was the classical historian of the Jesuit missions of Lower California. The exquisitely penned manuscript, now part of the Bolton Collection, comprises 671 closely written folio pages, and was completed, as its last note tells us, on Saturday, Nov. 7, 1739.

Valued at thousands of dollars, it has never been published in the original. Father Andres Buriel abridged, edited, and published the work with additions in Madrid (1757). It appeared in translations in London (1759), in Haarlem (1761-1762), and in Paris (1766-1767). A modern Spanish edition has recently come out in Mexico (1943-1944). The original Venegas, called the *Empressas Apostolicas* from the first two

words of its long title, has been used for the first time, at least in this country, by Dr. Bolton. He had it translated into English by Marion Reynolds. After the editing is completed the task will remain of finding funds for its publication.

High School

"Room Service," this year's school play, was staged on April 4 at the Marine Memorial Theatre and proved to be a dramatic and financial success. Mr. Hanley was the assistant director, Mr. Prussing took care of the tickets, and Mr. Taheny handled the program. The three-night Minstrel Show which the High School students presented in the USF Little Theater was also well attended.

The new Literary quarterly, "The Quill," made its debut on April 10 and was well received by the students. Mr. Prussing, the moderator, is largely responsible for its literary and philosophical impeccability.

The Sodality attended the Inter-school Sodality Conference held at Bellarmine Preparatory on April 15. The same day, 25 candidates were admitted to the High School Sanctuary Society. Fr. Kelleher gave the sermon and presided.

Under the direction of Fr. D. Harrington and Mr. Keith the annual Gold Medal Debate between juniors and seniors was held in the USF auditorium.

Fr. McFadden took over the coaching of Mr. Hanley's frosh-soph baseball team for a week.

Church

The Alumni Association and USF Council, YMI, held their annual Communion on April 22. At the breakfast which followed the Mass, Admiral William Murray of the Western Sea Frontier was the principal speaker. Around 400 were present for the breakfast.

Community: A special dinner was had on the occasion of the visit of the Fathers Provincial of the American Assistancy, and of Fr. Swain, Provincial of the Upper Canadian Province.

UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA

Centennial Celebration

During April the University's hundredth anniversary continued to be celebrated with solemn and impressive ceremonies.

An Ecclesiastical Triduum, April 9-10-11, was offered in the Mission Church by the faculty and students of the University in thanksgiving to God for a century of abounding blessings. Solemn High Mass was celebrated on Monday and Tuesday, and on Wednesday a Solemn Pontifical Mass was presided over by the Most Rev. John J. Mitty, Archbishop of San Francisco. At the first Mass Very Rev. Fr. Joseph D. O'Brien was celebrant and Fr. Zacheus Maher, a former president of Santa Clara, the preacher. Tuesday Fr. James Lyons, also a former president, was celebrant and Fr. Paul Meagher, O.P., the preacher. The Bishop of Sacramento, Most Rev. Robert Armstrong, offered Wednesday's Mass, with Fr. David Temple, O.F.M., as the preacher. At the conclusion of this Mass Archbishop Mitty spoke briefly, giving sincere and moving praise to the University for its services to God and country.

Tuesday evening the students and faculty participated in the hundredth annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Joseph, where Fr. Gianera delivered an address. The next evening, April 11, the Alumni Centennial Banquet was held in the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

Santa Clara's famous Passion Play, "Nazareth," written by Clay

M. Greene, was given in seven performances before excellent crowds in the University Auditorium. It opened on Saturday, April 14, and was presented in the evening on April 17, 18, 20, 21, with matinees on April 15 and 22. Fr. Robert McMahon was moderator of the Passion Play.

A sixteen-page centennial edition of The Santa Clara, the student newspaper, contained a special historical section depicting the University's progress during the past century.

On March 15 the combined chapters of the San Jose and Santa Clara Rotary Clubs honored the faculty of the University with a banquet in San Jose at which Fr. President (Gianera) was a specially honored guest.

Other Events

A Pre-Legal Society, the first ever formed on this campus, was started on April 3, with 31 charter members. Bernard Vogel is its first president.

John D. Williamson, a senior student, was tragically killed on April 4 when his automobile collided with a freight train just outside Milpitas.

The nine Fathers Provincial of the United States and Upper Canada terminated on April 16 their eight-day conference held on this campus.

Fr. James Galvin, a diocesan priest who had attended old St. Ignatius College and graduated from Santa Clara with an A.B. degree, passed to his eternal reward at the age of 76. He was a loyal friend of the Society.

VARIA

Recently inaugurated in the Province is the Committee on Special Studies, organized to serve in an advisory capacity in the various questions connected with an over-all plan for degree work in special fields. The committee includes Fr. Duce, chairman, Fr. Brusher, Fr. Wm. Finnegan, Fr. Wm. Huesman, Fr. Hynes, Fr. Wm. McIntosh, and

Fr. Mei.

Jesuit representatives at the JEA and NCEA conventions held in Cleveland during Easter vacation were the following: Bellarmine, Fr. Corvi; Loyola High, Fr. Saussotte; Loyola U., Fr. Casassa and Fr. Vincent O'Sullivan; USF, Fr. Wm. Dunne and Frs. Mei and John Martin; Santa Clara, Fr. Hynes and Fr. James King.

Fr. Fagothey attended the meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association in New York. Fr. Edward Boland and Fr. Sprague were present at the American Catholic Library Association meeting in Chicago. Fr. Wm. Dunne and Fr. Feely took in the meetings of the Western College Association in Whittier and the Western unit of NCEA in Los Angeles.

An impressive crowd turned out for the twelfth annual Communion Breakfast of the Catholic Laymen's Retreat Association on Sunday, April 1, in San Francisco. The Mass was celebrated by His Excellency Archbishop John J. Mitty, D.D., at St. Mary's Cathedral. Breakfast followed at the Fairmont Hotel.

Advance notices have appeared for the Queen's Work SSCA for this year. Courses will be offered at St. Louis Univ., June 11-16; Creighton Univ., June 18-23; Spalding-Holland Hotels (Duluth), June 25-30; Gonzaga Univ., July 9-14; Incarnate Word Academy (Houston), July 30- Aug. 4; Gan-non College (Erie), Aug. 13-18; Fordham Univ., Aug. 20-25; Hotel Morrison (Chicago), Aug. 27-Sept. 1. The general theme of the course is: The Supreme Importance of Religion in the Formation of the Christian Citizen. Topics dealt with will embrace various aspects of sodality organization, Catholic Action activities, Social Order activities, and spiritual activities.

RETREATS

March 8-17.....	Mercy Hospital, San Diego.....	Fr. Whelan
March 10-19.....	Missionary Sisters, Mesa, Arizona.....	Fr. Preston
March 16-24.....	Good Shepherd Sisters, S.F.....	Fr. J. Curran
March 16-25.....	B.V.M. Sisters, Santa Barbara.....	Fr. Prendiville
March 16-25.....	B.V.M. Sisters, Tucson.....	Fr. Parrish
March 21-27.....	Holy Cross Brothers, Sherman Oaks.....	Fr. Plushkell
April 13-22.....	St. Bernardine's Hospital, San Bernardino.....	Fr. Hancock

TRIDUA

March 12-15.....	Children of Mary, Sacred Heart Convent, S.F.....	Fr. Maher
April 25-29.....	Girls, Good Shepherds, Phoenix.....	Fr. Giambastiani

DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

March 11.....	Professional Business Women, Sacred Heart Convent, S.F.....	Fr. Maher
March 15.....	Girls, Convent of the Sacred Heart, Menlo Park.....	Fr. Posiask
March 17.....	St. Paul's Convent, S.F.....	Fr. Scannell
April 6.....	Girls, Holy Family Convent, Martinez.....	Fr. Coleman

RECENT DEATHS

Fr. W. J. Burns, S.J., on Apr. 16 in New Orleans.
Fr. Joseph H. Canning, S.J., on Mar. 22 in Jersey City.
Fr. Marian Ferrer, S.J., on Mar. 26 in Zamboanga City, P.I.
Fr. Joseph B. Franckhauser, S.J., on Mar. 28 in Mobile.
Fr. Patrick Marnane, S.J., on Apr. 11 at Grand Couteau.
The father of Fr. Richard Vachon.

SUFFRAGES

The usual suffrages of the Society are to be offered for the soul of Fr. Louis H. McCann, S.J., who died at San Jose on Apr. 9 in the 58th year of his life, his 41st in the Society.

Litt. Dim. accep. Mr. R. C. Brandmeier (Ore., 1st yr. theol.)